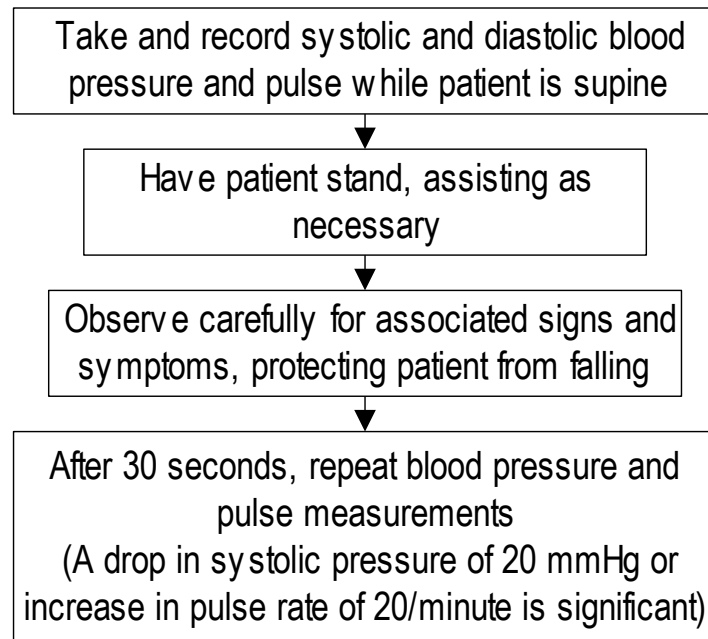


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS  
PRACTICAL SKILL  
ORTHOSTATIC BLOOD  
PRESSURE MEASUREMENT**

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<b>Purpose:</b> To measure postural blood pressure changes in patients with suspected hypovolemia.		<b>Indications:</b> Patients with suspected hypovolemia.	
<b>Advantages:</b> Multiple readings enable monitoring of patient's hemodynamic stability	<b>Disadvantages:</b> Improperly sized cuff may give false reading	<b>Complications:</b> Change in position may cause hypotension with associated symptoms	<b>Contraindications:</b> Supine systolic blood pressure <90



**NOTES:**

- Orthostatic (postural) hypotension is a drop in both systolic and diastolic blood pressure with a change from supine to sitting or standing position. It is generally accompanied by dizziness, blurred vision and/or syncope.